



Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
Expedited Procedure
Group Art Unit 1652

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION OF

Confirmation No.: 9440

BATHE *et al.*

Group Art Unit: 1652

Appln. No.: 09/824,551

Examiner: K. KERR

Filed: April 4, 2001

Title: NUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCE ENCODING HISTIDINE KINASE FROM
CORYNEBACTERIUM GLUTAMICUM

September 25, 2003

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.116

MAIL STOP AF
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the final official action dated May 29, 2003, wherein the pending claims were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first and second paragraphs. The applicants respectfully traverse in view of the following amendments and remarks.

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